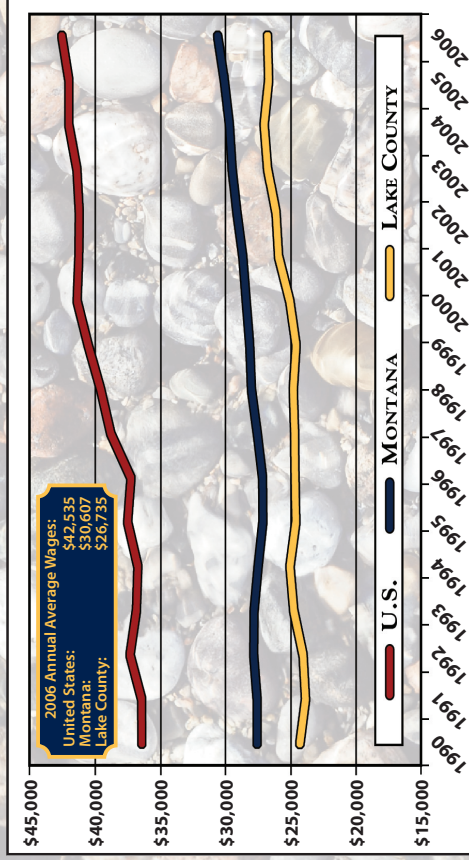


Annual Average Labor Force - Lake County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	11,442	10,931	511	4.5%
2005	11,472	10,877	595	5.2%
2004	11,541	10,894	647	5.6%
2003	11,399	10,734	665	5.8%
2002	11,489	10,718	771	6.7%
2001	11,803	10,961	842	7.1%
2000	12,326	11,650	676	5.5%

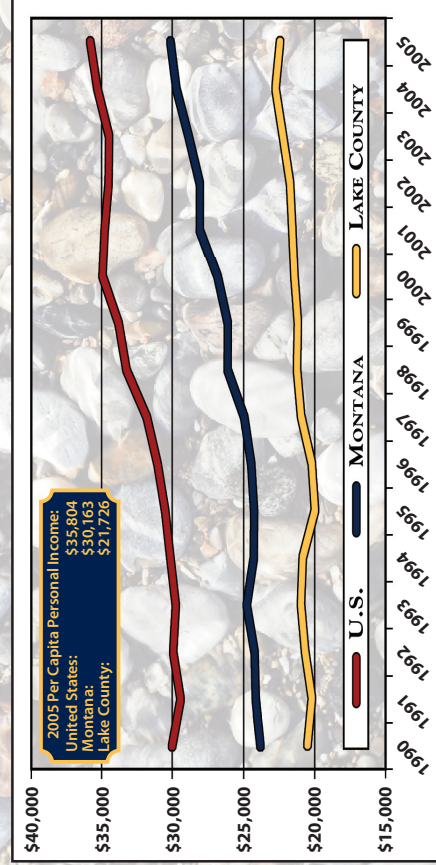
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

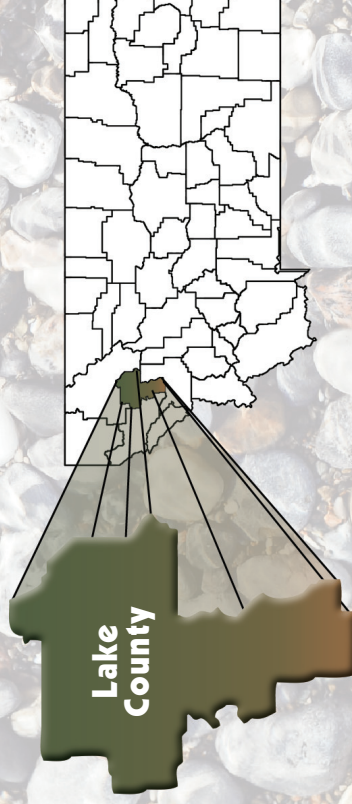
Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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Demographic & Economic Information for Lake County



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Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous county, with an estimated 28,606 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Polson, the county seat, is the state's 16th largest city, with a population estimated at 4,952 in 2006.¹ Other cities and towns in Lake County include: Arlee, Big Arm, Charlo, Dixon, Elmo, Pablo, Ravalli, Ronan, St. Ignatius, and Swan Lake.

The vast majority of Lake County resides within the Flathead Indian Reservation, home of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). The CSKT Tribal Complex, The People's Center, and Salish-Kootenai College are all located in Pablo, MT, which serves as headquarters for the tribes.

Lake County is named for Flathead Lake, the majority of which is bordered by the county. Lake County also features the National Bison Range, St. Ignatius Mission, the Mission Mountain Range, and part of the vast Bob Marshall Wilderness.

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Resources for Lake County

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Swan Lake Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 5199
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Job Service Workforce Center

417-B Main Street
P. O. Box 970, Polson, MT 59860
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Newspapers

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Nonstore retailers	6	12	\$31,126
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	23	52	\$21,527
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	12	22	\$27,505
Transit and ground passenger transport	4	12	\$10,982
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
Postal service	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	4	14	\$19,802
INFORMATION	14	132	\$49,635
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	23	\$26,611
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	4	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	37	235	\$31,813
Credit intermediation & related activity	21	198	\$32,902
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	4	5	\$41,520
Insurance carriers & related activities	12	32	\$23,499
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	48	79	\$22,035
Real estate	41	55	\$20,746
Rental and leasing services	7	24	\$24,949
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	66	229	\$30,776
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	2	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	31	93	\$21,251
Administrative and support services	26	77	\$21,569
Waste management and remediation service	5	16	\$19,765
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	8	27	\$24,511
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	72	1,021	\$27,849
Ambulatory health care services	33	219	\$41,063
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	12	*	*
Social assistance	25	228	\$13,461
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	18	79	\$13,977
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	6	\$18,251
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	14	73	\$13,598
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	75	858	\$10,545
Accommodation	12	148	\$13,587
Food services and drinking places	63	710	\$9,914
OTHER SERVICES	75	240	\$16,381
Repair and maintenance	20	62	\$21,096
Personal and laundry services	13	30	\$16,360
Membership associations & organizations	27	119	\$12,624
Private households	15	30	\$21,693
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	50	2,492	\$32,931
Local Government	18	2,263	\$32,045
State Government	10	101	\$40,352
Federal Government	22	128	\$42,744

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	930	8,444	\$26,737
TOTAL PRIVATE	880	5,952	\$24,143
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	28	116	\$19,966
Crop production	11	67	\$15,616
Animal production	1	*	*
Forestry and logging	10	40	\$26,260
Agriculture & forestry support	6	*	*
MINING	4	37	\$22,814
Mining, except oil and gas	3	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	7	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	175	569	\$25,896
Construction of buildings	65	167	\$25,881
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11	43	\$29,642
Specialty trade contractors	100	359	\$25,452
MANUFACTURING	45	798	\$28,850
Food manufacturing	6	35	\$22,048
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	10	\$14,997
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Apparel manufacturing	3	7	\$12,543
Wood product manufacturing	8	204	\$33,044
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	3	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	13	\$20,299
Furniture and related product mfg	5	25	\$23,938
Miscellaneous manufacturing	5	19	\$19,460
WHOLESALE TRADE	25	102	\$21,797
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	13	34	\$16,958
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	10	65	\$24,049
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	3	3	\$27,134
RETAIL TRADE	130	1,177	\$21,822
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	17	193	\$28,835
Furniture and home furnishings stores	5	23	\$24,871
Electronics and appliance stores	6	43	\$42,170
Building material & garden supply stores	18	159	\$22,899
Food and beverage stores	16	280	\$19,931
Health and personal care stores	8	80	\$26,606
Gasoline stations	16	137	\$15,043
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	18	\$13,169
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	6	23	\$15,122
General merchandise stores	5	159	\$18,676
Miscellaneous store retailers	23	52	\$8,405

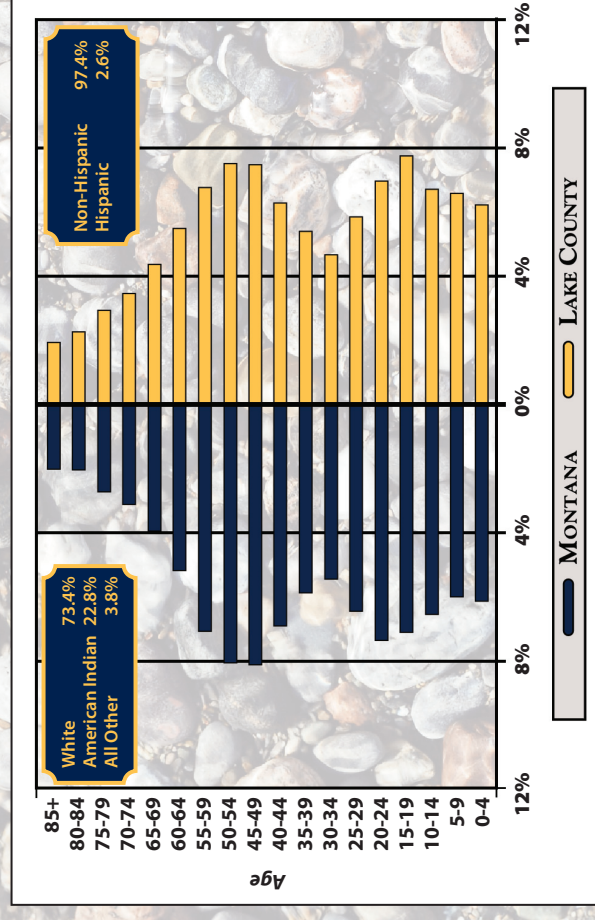
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Lake County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates								Census
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000		
Lake County	7.9%	28,606	28,275	27,915	27,370	26,997	26,948	26,633	26,507	
Polson city	22.5%	4,952	4,824	4,680	4,521	4,320	4,219	4,131	4,041	
Ronan city	10.8%	2,008	1,967	1,948	1,905	1,888	1,864	1,825	1,812	
St. Ignatius town	4.7%	825	822	812	799	793	797	792	788	
Balance of Lake County	4.8%	20,821	20,662	20,475	20,145	19,996	20,068	19,885	19,866	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Lake County, 2006



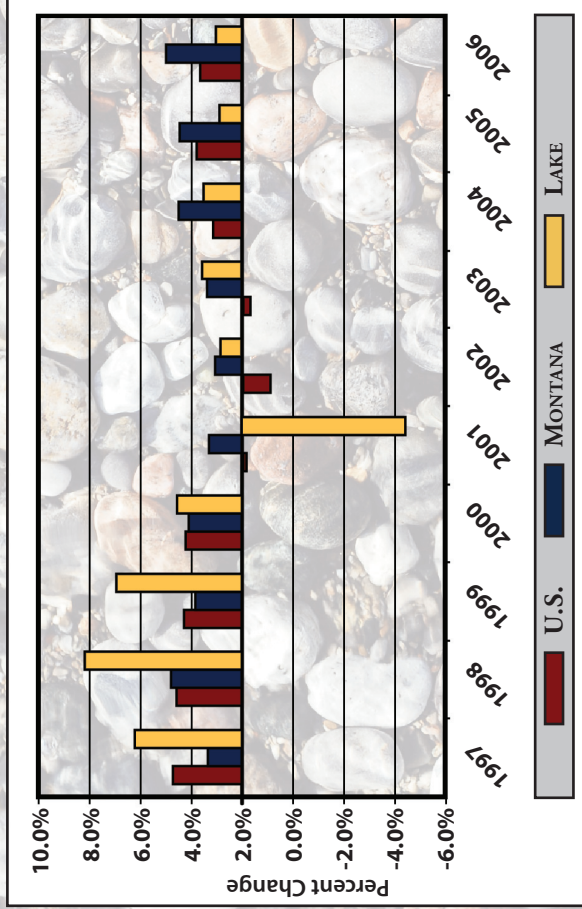
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Lake County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	15.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.8%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.3%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.0%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	15.6%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.1%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Lake County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 15 Private Employers in Lake County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Best Western Kwa Taq Nuk	6	S & K Electronics	6
Community Bank	5	St. Joseph Hospital	6
Home Caregivers Inc	5	St. Luke Community Hospital	6
Jore Corporation	6	Safeway	5
McDonald's of Polson & Ronan	5	Super 1 Foods	5
Mission Mountain Enterprises	6	Tamco Mfg.	5
Mission Valley Power	5	Wal-Mart	6
Plum Creek Mfg.	6		

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Lake County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	1,185
Land in farms (acres)	601,544
Average size of farms (acres)	508
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	1,110
1,000 acres or more	75
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	1,095
\$100,000 or more	90
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,121
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	64
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	45,258
Hogs and pigs	198
Sheep and lambs	1,743
Horses and ponies	4,499
Bison	556
Chickens (layers and broilers)	1,336
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	320
Corn for silage or greenchop	575
Wheat for grain, All	10,847
Winter wheat for grain	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	7,529
Barley for grain	2,562
Oats for grain	1,019
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	59,000

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	650
Other	535
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	1,059
Not on farm operated	126
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	391
10 years or more	794
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	557
55 years and over	628
Average age of operators: (number)	56.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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